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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JO, US, XF

SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S REPLY TO PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REF: A. STATE 293956 SECTO 240160 B. AMMAN 9686

1. PRIME MINISTER RIFAI CALLED ME PERSONALLY DECEMBER 17 TO INFORM ME HE WAS FORWARDING REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM KING HUSSEIN IN REPLY TO PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE (REF A) DELIVERED THE PREVIOUS DAY (REF B).

2. TEXT FOLLOWS. QUOTE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE WITH GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION. THE CROWN PRINCE HAD REPORTED TO ME ON HIS TALK WITH YOU, AND I THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT HE CONVEYED TO ME.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU, MR PRESIDENT, THAT JORDAN WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE REASON AND MODERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM DETERMINED TO DO ALL I CAN TO EXERT THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POSITIVE PRESSURE ON ALL CONCERNED IN OUR AREA, TO ENSURE THE STEADY AND UNDISTURBED PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE. IN THIS I WILL CONTINUE TO COUNT ON THE BACKING AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR ONLY THROUGH YOUR SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING AND

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STAUNCH SUPPORT CAN WE HOPE TO OFFSET AND DIFFUSE THE

MANY PRESSURES AT WORK IN THE AREA TO WHICH YOU REFERRED.

I LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO MY VISIT TO  
YOU IN WASHINGTON NEXT MARCH. IN THE MEANTIME I WILL  
STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU REGARDING ALL THAT DEVELOPS  
HERE.

WITH MY REPEATED THANKS, REGARDS, RESPECTS, AND  
SINCERE BEST WISHES. HUSSEIN I. END QUOTE

3. SUGGEST WHITE HOUSE/DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO USDEL SECRETARY  
AND TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON IN DAMASCUS.

4. EMBASSY FORWARDING ORIGINAL OF KING'S REPLY VIA  
POUCH TO S/S, ATTETON BREMER.  
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